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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

ECKHARD KÖNIG

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A FLAT
COMMUTATOR AND A COMMUTATOR
PRODUCED ACCORDING TO THIS
METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the October 8, 2002 Office Action, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-6 drawn to the method of making a commutator, with traverse, in connection with the above-identified application.


The restriction requirement is predicated on the contention that the product of claim 7 can be made by a process materially different from that claimed, such as electrostatic-spray coating, brush coating or currentless deposition of the coating on the carrier body prior to division. However, no evidence supports this contention.

By manufacturing the commutator according to the claim 1 method, the thickness and homogeneity of the deposited layer is characteristic of that method. Thus, such method is germane to the patentability of the apparatus.

Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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